REMARKS

I.   INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001, claim 18 has been amended. Claims 1-69 remain in the application. Entry of the amendment and allowance of the application are requested.

II.   TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Record is made of a telephone interview between Examiner Kulik and George H. Gates, Applicants' attorney, that occurred on April 26, 2001. The format and substance of the Supplemental Declaration were discussed during the interview.

III.   DEFECTIVE REISSUE OATH

In section (3) of the Office Action, the reissue oath was asserted to be defective because it allegedly failed to contain a statement that all errors which are being corrected arose without deceptive intent.

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Declaration to overcome this objection.

IV.   BRACKETING AND UNDERLINING OF CLAIMS

In section (6) of the Office Action, it was asserted that the amendment filed June 15, 2000 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(e). Specifically, claim 18 was not bracketed and underlined as required.

Applicants have bracketed and underlined claim 18 as indicated above.

V.   CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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APPENDIX : CLAIM IN MARKED-UP FORM

18. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for enabling an user to distribute a procedure from a client platform to a plurality of server platforms, and for enabling the user to make and register the procedure at the server platforms, the [database] system comprising:

means, at the client platform, for displaying a list of servers;

means, at the client platform, for enabling the user to select any of said servers;

commanding means, at the client platform, for commanding a module to distribute a file associated with the procedure to the selected servers, the module being resident in the client platform; and

make and register means, at the client platform, for commanding the module to cause the selected servers to make and register the procedure;

wherein said commanding means comprises:

means for converting the file to a string;

means for setting a procedure parameter equal to information identifying a file transfer procedure located at each selected server;

means for causing a first parameter to represent said string, and causing a second parameter represent a file name of the file, the first and second parameters having a data type being suitable for passing scalar values to procedures; and

means for invoking, for each selected server, a function provided by the module, a parameter list of said function comprising said first and second parameters and said procedure parameter, said function when executed causing said first and second parameters to be passed to said file transfer procedure at each selected server, and also causing said file transfer procedure to be invoked at each selected server.

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